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REGULATE CONTRACTING, PROCUREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CROPS IN ALBANIA

The text of Order No 2 of 5 January 1952, on contracting and procurement of industrial crops in Albania, is given below.

Pursuant to Decree No 1138 of 31 August 1950 concerning compulsory sowing of industrial crops, and pursuant to Decree No 1274 of 17 May 1951 concerning the procurement of farm produce and early crops, the government of the People's Republic of Albania, to secure the early crops and farm produce for the benefit and needs of its growing industry, as well as for the needs of the large textile and sugar combines, and to assure the procurement of the crops for industry, orders that:

Article 1

All agricultural cooperatives and all individual farms are ordered to contract for and sow their land with cotton, sugarbeets, tobacco, sunflowers, castor beans, flaxseed, barley, and soybeans. Sowing will take place according to plans prepared for each rreth by the Ministry of Agriculture, detailed for each village by the executive committee in its rreth and for each farm by the people's council of its village.

Article 2

All rreth executive committees of the Communist Party are charged with ensuring that sowing is executed according to the manner and dates indicated below:

- a. The sowing plan will be prepared in detail for areas of not less than 3 dynams of land, although tobacco may be planted on one dynam of land.
- b. Preparation of details relevant to contracting for the sowing and procurement of industrial crops must begin on 15 September and must end on 30 October of each year. The seeding to take place during 1951 - 1952 will be contracted for between 20 December 1951 and 20 January 1952.

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c. The executive committee of the Communist Party of each rreth is charged with providing the contracting parties with all the material needed for contracting, and, in cooperating with these organs, it will take steps to insure that contracting for industrial crops is realized on schedule and with 100 percent results.

Article 3

The Ministry of Agricultural Procurement and the Ministry of Industry are directed to make contracts for and procure industrial crops, through their subordinate organs, in accordance with the plans approved by the state. The stipulations of the contracts shall be adhered to rigorously.

Article 4

To insure the sowing of industrial plants, the Ministry of Agriculture is charged with distributing selected seeds and fertilizers in quantities to be approved by the government. Seed distribution will take place until the following dates: flaxseed, 10 October; barley seed, 25 February; beet, hemp, and sunflower seed, 10 March; and cottonseed and castor beans, 5 April.

Article 5

Seed for industrial crops and fertilizers will be distributed by the seed contractors against payment. Agricultural cooperatives and individual farms unable to purchase this material may do so by taking advantage of the Agrarian Credit Plan of the National Bank, where they should present their contracts.

Article 6

Agricultural cooperatives and individual farms are obliged to sow industrial crops on time and on appropriate land in compliance with the provisions of the contracts and the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 7

Agriculture cooperatives and individual farms are obliged to deliver all farm produce to designated depots, where they will be purchased by contractors according to the specifications of their contracts and the following indexes for each crop (these will conform to the yield fixed for each village and zone by its rreth executive committee): cotton, 60 percent of the planned production; sunflowers, 80 percent; castor beans, 90 percent; flax 35 percent; hemp, 90 percent; beets, 90 percent; tobacco, 78 percent; barley, 80 percent; and soybeans, 50 percent.

Delivery indexes for kulaks will be up to 20 percent higher than the above figures.

State farm contractors will deliver produce according to the production plans fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 8

To assist farmers in their deliveries of industrial farm products, the Ministry of Agricultural Procurement and the Ministry of Industry are charged with the following responsibilities:

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a. The Ministry of Agricultural Procurement is to study and present to the government by 15 December 1951 a statement for the coming year showing the procurement centers to be opened and the funds needed for their construction.

b. The Ministry of Industry is to organize and open special centers for the procurement of sugar beets.

Article 9

The following table shows prices to be paid for industrial crops.

Crop	Maximum Foreign Material (%)	Maximum Moisture Content (%)	Price (leks per quintal)	
			For Obligatory Deliveries	For Surplus
Cotton				
extra high grade	0.25	8	3,100	4,600
1st grade	0.50	8	2,900	4,300
2d grade	1.00	10	2,700	4,000
3d grade	1.50	11	2,500	3,700
Beets, cleaned of earth and leaves			123	300
Sunflowers	2.00	15	1,000	1,300
Castor beans	5.00	7	1,100	1,400
Flaxseed	5.00	13	1,100	1,400
Barley	3.00	10	600	800
Soybeans	3.00	15	1,200	1,500

	Moisture Content	Prices Accord. g to Quality Grade (leks per quintal)				
		I	II	III	IV	V
Flax stalk, for obligatory deliveries (in 5-7 kg bundles)	--	500	460	400	--	--
Hemp stalk, for obligatory deliveries (in 10-12 kg bundles)	--	420	420	300	320	--
Tobacco, local, for obligatory deliveries (in 20-25 kg bundles)	15 $\frac{7}{8}$	6,000	19,000	7,000	3,500	1,500
Tobacco, Oriental type (in 20-25 kg bundles)	15 $\frac{7}{8}$	26,000	18,000	12,000	7,000	3,000

Surpluses of tobacco, flax stalk, and barley will receive a price 30 percent higher according to quality.

Prices for all industrial crops containing foreign material and moisture in excess of that mentioned above will be reduced proportionately.

Article 10

Agricultural cooperatives and individual farms which have accomplished their tasks according to the norms fixed by Article 8 [sic] are entitled to dispose of their surpluses as they wish, or they may deliver them to the state at prices fixed by Article 9 and receiving the coupons for incentive fixed Article 11. Tobacco surpluses are exempted from this rule and may not be sold on the free market. Tobacco surpluses will be procured by the state only.

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Article 11

Agricultural cooperatives and individual farms delivering their products to designated procurement depots, in addition to the prices provided for in Article 9, will be entitled to coupons which will enable them to purchase, per quintal of farm products delivered, the type and quantity of industrial articles and food shown in the following table.

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Quintal of Crop Delivered	Corn (kg)	Cotton (m) /sic/	Pairs of Sandals	Cotton Cloth (m)	Table Oil (liters?)	Sugar (kg)	Salt (kg)	Kero- sene (liters)	Soap (kg)	Misc (lbs)
Cotton	120.0	(8)	1	400	--	1.5	4.00	2.00	1.5	175
Sunflowers	23.5	3.5	-	200	2	-	4.00	2.00	-	100
Soybeans	23.5	2.5	-	200	2	-	4.00	2.00	1	100
Sugar beets	4.0	0.2	-	10	-	0.7	0.50	0.10	-	-
Local tobacco										
1st grade	240.0	16.0	4	960	-	8.0	8.00	3.00	2.5	800
2d grade	180.0	12.0	3	720	-	6.0	6.00	2.00	2.0	600
3d grade	100.0	7.0	2	420	-	4.0	4.00	1.50	1.0	400
4th grade	50.0	3.5	1	210	-	2.0	2.00	1.00	0.5	200
5th grade	30.0	1.5	-	90	-	1.0	1.00	-	-	100
Tobacco, Oriental type										
1st grade	390.0	26.0	6	1,500	-	13.0	13.00	5.00	4.0	1,300
2d grade	270.0	18.0	5	1,000	-	9.0	9.00	3.50	3.0	900
5th grade /sic/	180.0	12.0	3	720	-	6.0	6.00	2.50	2.0	600
4th grade	100.0	7.0	2	420	-	3.0	3.00	1.50	-	300
3d grade	50.0	3.0	1	180	-	1.5	1.50	-	-	150
Castor beans	50.0	4.5	-	200	-	2.0	4.00	1.00	1.0	-
Barley	10.0	2.0	-	200	-	-	1.00	0.50	1.0	100
Flaxseed	55.0	12.0	-	400	-	-	4.00	2.00	-	200
Flax stalk										
1st grade	12.0	2.0	-	40	-	-	1.50	0.15	-	20
2d grade	10.0	2.0	-	40	-	-	1.50	0.15	-	20
3d grade	8.0	1.0	-	40	-	1.0	1.50	0.15	-	20
Hemp stalk										
1st grade	4.0	1.2	-	10	-	-	0.15	0.10	-	5
2d grade	3.5	1.2	-	10	-	-	0.15	0.10	-	5
3d grade	3.0	1.2	-	10	-	-	0.15	0.10	-	5
4th grade	2.0	1.2	-	10	-	-	0.15	0.10	-	5

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The above purchases will be made at fixed prices.

Article 12

The State Planning Commission is charged with presenting to the Ministry of Trade the quantity of merchandise needed to honor coupons issued by way of incentive for the delivery of industrial crops.

The Ministry of Trade is charged with organizing the shipment of such merchandise so that, by 10 May, 40 percent of the merchandise will be in stores and, by 10 July, all merchandise will be in stores of the localities in which it is needed to stimulate production of industrial crops.

Article 13

To assist producers of industrial crops, contractors will issue, to producers of cotton, sugar beets, and tobacco with whom they have contracted, advance incentive purchase coupons equal to 40 percent of the stipulated quantity under the terms of the contract: 15 percent after the first hoeing of the crop and 25 percent after the second hoeing.

Other advance incentive purchase coupons will be granted as follows:

Cooperative farms or individual farms which have harvested 25 percent of the planted surface will inform the village councils. The councils will receive the deliveries, make out a list of the crops harvested by the farmers, check the actual crops against the list to insure exactness, sign the list and submit it to the contractors as authorization for the advance incentive purchase coupons. The list may be made out for one or several persons. On the basis of this list, contractors will issue advance incentive purchase coupons and keep a record of them.

The 1944 executive committees of the Communist Party (agriculture sections) are obliged to organize and exercise strict control of harvesting matters.

Article 14

In the event of damage to crops through fire, flood, drought, and other disasters, the 1944 executive committees of the Communist Party, in cooperation with the contractors and, with the assistance of agricultural engineers, will examine damage on the spot, ascertain the extent of losses, and inform the Ministry of Agriculture. The areas sustaining damage will thereby receive reduction in proportion to the losses. The Ministry of Agricultural Procurement will make allowances to reduce the quota allotment under the procurement plan.

Article 15

Crops must be harvested as soon as they are ripe and must be harvested according to modern methods.

Crop deliveries by agricultural cooperatives and individual farms must be made according to the following schedule:

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<u>Crop</u>	<u>Date Set for 50-Percent Delivery of Crop</u>	<u>Date Set for 100-Percent Delivery of Crop</u>
Cotton	15 Oct	16 Nov
Beets	15 Oct	15 Nov
Sunflowers	30 Sep	30 Oct
Soybeans	30 Sep	30 Oct
Castor beans	30 Oct	30 Nov
Flax	30 Aug	30 Oct
Hemp	15 Sep	30 Oct
Barley	--	15 Aug

Procurement of tobacco is to begin on 15 November and to end on 28 February of the following year.

The rrreth executive committees of the Communist Party is authorized to fix shorter periods for areas in which crops ripen ... [two words illegible] and must inform villagers of the deadlines by 30 July.

Article 16

Those who refuse to contract and those who hinder contracting, as well as those who refuse to sow all the land to industrial crops according to the sowing plan and the terms of contracts, will be punished according to Article 4 of Decree No 1138 of 31 August 1950, dealing with obligatory sowing of industrial crops.

Article 17

Anyone who disregards the regulations in this order and those in the agrarian laws of the Ministry of Agriculture will be punished according to Article 3 and 4 of Decree No 1274 of 17 May 1951.

Article 18

The Ministries of Agriculture, Industry, Trade, and Agricultural Procurement, as well as the State Planning Commission and the rrreth executive committees of the Communist Party, are charged with executing the rules and regulations contained in this order.

Article 19

The Ministry of Agricultural Procurement is charged with working out the details of the orders concerning methods of contracting.

Article 20

Order No 10 of 24 February 1950, Order No 10 bis of 27 September 1950, and other regulations contrary to this order are abrogated.

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Article 21

Prices and delivery norms will be effective in 1952; all other regulations become effective with the publication of this order in the newspapers Zeri i Popullit and Bashkimi. This order must also be published in the Official Gazette.

Enver Hoxha
[signed] Chairman of the Council of Ministers
General of the Armies

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